

Gallaudet University to celebrate 120th Commencement on May 13

Gallaudet University will celebrate its 120th Commencement on Saturday, May 13, as an estimated 316 graduates receive their degrees.

Commencement exercises are scheduled to begin in the Field House at 10 a.m. Faculty members will assemble on the first floor of Hall Memorial Building at 9 a.m. (or, in case of inclement weather, in the basement of the Field House). University officials, trustees, and dignitaries will assemble in the classroom on the south side of the Field House. Family and friends are requested to be in their seats by 9:45 a.m.

This year's commencement speaker will be Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, president of Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga.

The University will award four honorary degrees during the ceremonies, to Leon Auerbach, Clifton Carbin, Katherine Graham, and Douglas Burke (posthumously).

Auerbach, a Gallaudet alumnus, taught in the Mathematics Department here from 1944 until his retirement in 1984. He will be recognized in part for his pioneering efforts resulting in the establishment of the Maryland Association of the Deaf, in which he served as an active officer and leader for more than 30 years.

Carbin, an author and innovator of programs for parents and their deaf children, will be honored for his contributions to the lives of deaf children, their parents, and professionals working with deaf people in Canada.

Graham, chairwoman and chief executive officer of the Washington Post Company, has distinguished herself as a publisher and business executive. She is being recognized for her support of Gallaudet throughout the Washington business community and for documenting the events that have shaped Gallaudet's recent history.

Burke, a Gallaudet alumnus and the founder and executive director of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Texas, will be awarded Gallaudet's first posthumous degree. In addition to his pioneering work in education of deaf students, Burke was instrumental in helping develop deaf theater on the community and professional levels.

In addition, Dr. William Marshall, chairman of the Department of Administration and Supervision, will also be honored at commencement as the President's Distinguished Faculty Member for 1989. Marshall, who has been at Gallaudet for 10 years, has also served as vice chairman of the University faculty and as chairman of the President's Council on Deafness.

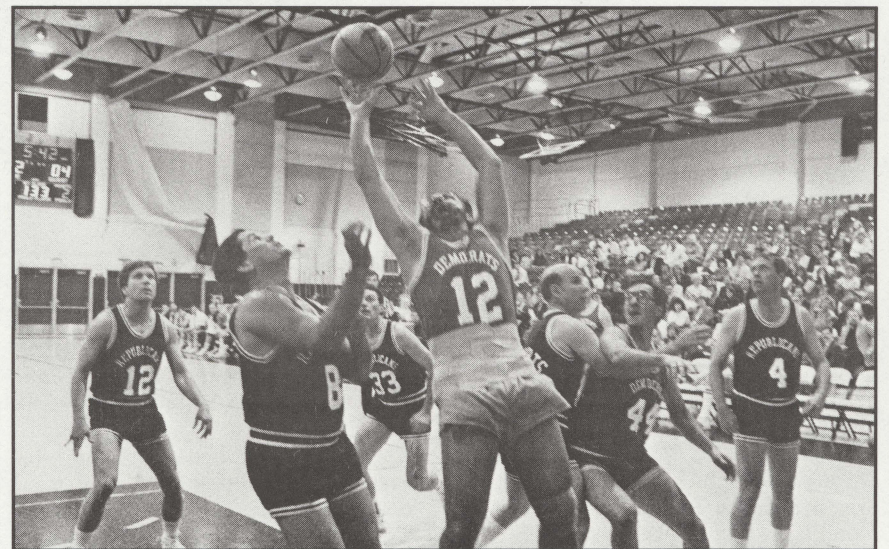
The Graduate Hooding and Awards

Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 12, at 3 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium. A reception at House One until 6:30 p.m. will follow.

Faculty and staff can attend a continental breakfast in the University Dining Hall on May 13 from 7 to 9 a.m. For tickets, contact the appropriate dean or Central Administration member.

House One will be open from 1:30 to 3 p.m. for anyone who wishes to tour the historic home of Gallaudet's presidents.

Following the commencement ceremonies, graduates, their families and friends, faculty, and staff can attend a reception to be held under a tent on the University Mall. In the event of inclement weather, the receptions will be held in the Dining Hall and Hughes Gym.



Rep. David Bonior (D-Mich., #12) grabs a rebound from Rep. Jack Field (R-Tex., #8) at the third annual Congressional Charity Basketball Game held here April 18. The event raised \$5,000 for the Laurent Clerc Graduate Scholarship Fund. Bonior, who played wearing a back brace, was the high scorer for the Democratic "Dunkin' Donkeys," who beat the Republican "Fighting Elephants" 47-44.

Davila nominated by Bush for Dept. of Education post

Although far from being a stranger to the workings of the federal government, Dr. Robert Davila soon will assume office on Capitol Hill and begin by "getting as much orientation as I can to the workings of a huge and complex federal operation."

Davila, vice-president for Pre-College Programs and a long-time forceful advocate before Congress for the rights of people with disabilities, was nominated last week by President George Bush for the position of Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) in the Department of Education.

Davila's nomination will be reviewed by the Senate Subcommittee on the Handicapped, chaired by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). After voting on the

nomination, the subcommittee will send its recommendation to the Senate for a vote by that entire body. Pending Senate confirmation, Davila will continue his administrative duties at Pre-College.

In his new position, previously held by Madeleine C. Will, Davila will be responsible for the Office of Special Education Programs, the Rehabilitation Services Administration, and the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research. One of the major functions of the position, said Davila, is monitoring federal regulations related to the education and rehabilitation of disabled people.

"OSERS is responsible for the disbursement of nearly four billion dollars, which represents the federal government's support to special education and rehabilitation," said Davila. "Gallaudet, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and the consortium of three other federally supported postsecondary programs for deaf students in Tennessee, California, and Minnesota are a line item in the OSERS budget."

Early in January, Davila was one of a number of leaders in special education contacted about their interest in serving in the Bush administration. "I was told there would be some stiff competition," he said. "Over the months, [staff in] the White House and the Department of Education conducted an extensive search for someone to fill the assistant secretaryship."

Davila was born in San Diego, Calif., and became deaf from spinal meningitis in early childhood. Soon after, he left home to attend the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley.

At age 16 he entered Gallaudet,

graduating in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in education. He received his master's degree in special education from Hunter College, and in 1972, he became the first deaf person to earn a doctorate from Syracuse University. In 1986, the School of Education at Syracuse presented Davila with its Alumnus of the Year award.

Davila began his career in education in 1953 as a teacher in the elementary, junior high, and secondary school levels at the New York School for the Deaf in White Plains; later, he became supervisor of its Elementary Department.

In 1972, Davila returned to Gallaudet as a full-time University faculty member. Two years later, he applied for and was appointed to the position of director of the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School. He attained his present position with Pre-College Programs in 1978.

Davila has gained acclaim as an authority in the field of education of deaf students. He has been a frequent presenter at national and international meetings related to deafness. He has also published extensively in professional journals. He is fluent in Spanish and maintains avid interest and involvement in the education of disabled people who are also members of minority ethnic/racial communities.

He has served as president of the Council on Education of the Deaf, the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, and the Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf. He is a founding member of the New York State Association of Educators of the Deaf and a trustee of the New York School for the Deaf at White Plains.



Dr. Robert Davila



Gallaudet secretaries and bosses attend an April 24 luncheon sponsored by the President's Office. Other activities during Professional Secretaries' week included deaf awareness and professional development programs, a variety show, and a tour of Northwest Campus.

Announcements

Dr. Mike Kemp's second workshop series on Visual Gestural Communication will be held on June 1, 6, and 8, not May 1, 6, and 8 as previously reported. Participants can attend either the morning sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or the afternoon sessions from 4-5:30 p.m. Participants must register for the sessions they plan to attend by calling the Department of Sign Communication at x5200.

Campus community members who need 25 or fewer copies of a document can now have those copies made by Gallaudet's campus Print Shop. The copies will be made on the shop's new Harris 3M machine which makes smaller jobs cost-effective. Copies can be made on both sides of the paper. The cost and time needed to complete jobs will vary with each job. The Print Shop, located on the ground floor of Washburn Arts Building, is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Second Annual School of Communication Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, May 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium.

Programs in Adult and Continuing Education is sponsoring a national literacy conference, "The Challenge: Meeting the Literacy Needs of Deaf and

Hard of Hearing Adults into the 21st Century," to be held June 22-24. Key-note speakers at the conference will include Forrest Chisman, author of *Jump Start*, and Nancy Margulies, an expert in "Mind Mapping." Training, model programs, panel discussions, and establishing a national task force on this subject will all be part of the conference. Early registration by May 15 will cost \$85 for faculty/staff and \$50 for students. For more information, call Elizabeth Schreiber at x5044.

The Jewish Social Service Agency will present a workshop on Social Security retirement benefits on Tuesday, May 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Teen Lounge of the Jewish Community Center, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, Md. Oral and sign interpreters, and an audio loop system, will be provided. Admission is free. For more information or to make a reservation, call Gloria Quintero at 984-5662 (TDD) or Louise Cohen-Silver at 881-3700 (V).

The University Theatre at the University of Maryland, College Park, will present an interpreted performance of "Working," a musical that captures the lives of American workers, on Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.50 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call the Tawes Theatre Box Office at 454-2201 (V/TDD) weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Turk to become South Dakota superintendent

As Dr. Frank Turk, dean of Student Life for Pre-College Programs, thinks of beginning his new position as superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD), he leaves no doubt that a great deal of nostalgia will accompany him to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. "I hope all my friends in the Gallaudet community will frequently find excuses to invite me 'home' to visit," he said.

After spending 42 of his 59 years at Gallaudet, five as a student and 37 as an employee, Turk plans to leave for South Dakota shortly before he begins his new responsibilities Aug. 7.

"Gallaudet has been wonderful to me," he said. "I could not have asked for anything better here, and no one could love Gallaudet more than I do. It is the backbone of all my success."

Turk said that among the factors that influenced his decision to accept the post as the first deaf superintendent in the school's 100-year history were the high quality of the teaching there, the positive attitudes of its Board of Regents, and their receptiveness to his challenge to make SDSD a model for similar residential schools.

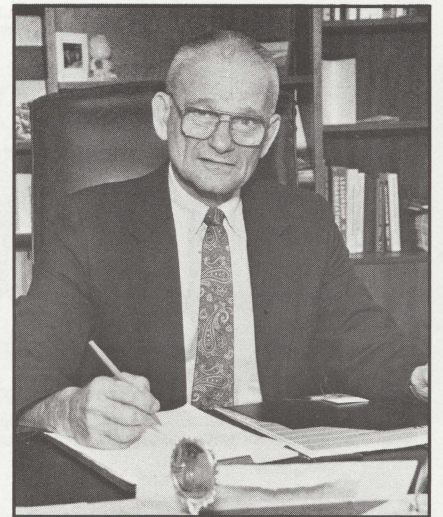
"The educational program there right now, in my honest estimation, compares most favorably with any of the nation's best," he said.

During Turk's years at Gallaudet, the only place he has worked since his graduation in 1952, he served first as a teacher at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, then as a physical education instructor at the University.

He later became dean of men in the Preparatory Department and, from 1971 to 1980, he was director of Youth Relations in the Office of Alumni and Public Relations.

Between 1980 and 1982, Turk advanced at Gallaudet from assistant to the dean of Student Affairs to director of Student Life. He later moved through several appointments at Pre-College Programs to take his present position in 1985.

In a letter to the campus, Vice President for Pre-College Programs Robert Davila said of Turk, "He is leaving a tremendous void, but he leaves with our deep appreciation for his many contributions to the continued development of our programs and best wishes for continuing success."



Dr. Frank Turk

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested, and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received by Friday, May 5, will appear in the May 15 issue.

FOR SALE: Men's golf clubs and bag, complete set, \$100. Call Brenda, x4599 or x5575.

FOR SALE: Texas Instruments Silent 700 series portable computer terminal w/modem, printer, keyboard all in one small, lightweight unit, 13 rolls of paper, can call into Gallaudet's VAX or any other computer system, \$250. Call Ken x3324 (V) or 5506 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Contemporary sleep sofa, rust/off white w/brown stripe, good cond., \$50; Kenmore sewing machine in cabinet w/attachments, good cond., \$50; black formica kitchen table w/2 chairs and 1 leaf, \$25; plastic coated weight set, 110 lbs., \$15. Call Gloria, x5603 or 490-2950 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: C128 Commodore complete system w/Star printer, 1571 disk drive, 1702 monitor and programs, and 1670 modem for phone; paid \$1,000, will sell for \$575. Call Mike, 627-8895 (V/TDD) after 6 p.m.

WANTED: Mature female roommate for apartment in Lanham/Greenbelt area, microwave, w/d, \$193.75/mo., inc. util. Call Carolyn, 794-4421 (V) or Kelly, x3113 days, 794-4754 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: 1-2 people to share semi-furnished apt. in Silver Spring (White Oak), Md., w/23-year-old deaf woman, prefer non-smoking deaf professional(s), grad. student(s), or hearing person w/sign skills. Call Will Verbits, x5375 or 537-3050 (V/TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: 3-yr.-old wood dining room table w/1 leaf, 4 chairs, and china cabinet, \$450/BO. Call Susan, 839-3577 (V/TDD).

FOR RENT: Spacious mobile home in Fenwick Island, Del., sleeps 6, 2 full baths, AC, WD, full kitchen, \$50/night. Call Beth and Dwight, x5247 or 498-4521 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Housesitting position for summer, we will clean, care for house, garden, pets. Contact Lisa Johnson, P.O. Box 835, 547-1323, or Barbara O'Connor, P.O. Box 1204, 547-3982 eves.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

JUNIOR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER: User Services

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At the annual Volunteer Recognition and Awards Dinner held April 13, Emmett Saunders (right) was honored for his 1,820 hours of service as volunteer with the National Information Center on Deafness over the past five years.